

Colleagues mourn death of 'cop's cop'

SEATTLE (AP) — Officer Ken L. Davis, who was killed by a hit-and-run driver, was an old-school cop who knew and cared about the people on his beat, his boss said Tuesday during funeral services.

"He was a cop's cop," Police Chief Norman Stamper told more than 1,000 police officers, family members, friends and others who gathered at Calvary Temple to pay last respects to Davis.

"He has been taken from us suddenly and senselessly. ... His life was stolen in an act that was selfish and cruel," Stamper said.

According to Stamper, Davis had a saying he liked: "If you don't want to run with the big dogs, stay up on the porch."

"He ran with the big dogs his entire career," Stamper said.

The chief said the 52-year-old Davis, who joined the force in 1966 after growing up in Seattle, would be remembered for his unflagging sense of humor, his unorthodox approach to golf and his search for the perfect steak — big, thick and raw.

But mostly, Stamper said, the husband and father of two sons would be remembered for the times he tried to help people.

An original member of the police department's drunken-driving unit, Davis made more than 2,000 DWI arrests but tried to help offend-

ers as much as ticket them, Stamper said.

"People would say 'thank you for the ticket, Mr. Davis,'" Stamper said. "He felt the need to take half of them home."

Davis died May 11 when his car was struck by a sports car driven by a man fleeing a state trooper. The driver, Robert Duane Knowles, 28, was arrested and charged with second-degree murder, reckless driving and driving under suspension. Bail was set at \$1 million.

Davis went to Lincoln High School, where he played on a state championship basketball team and graduated in 1960. He attended Central Washington University and the University of Washington before becoming a policeman.

Davis had spent the past 12 years in the North Precinct and was going to retire in five years, his wife, Lereen, said. In a eulogy read by Chaplain John Oas, Lereen Davis said she now understands that it was Davis' love for his job that made it so hard for him to solidify retirement plans.

"He genuinely enjoyed helping people," she said through the chaplain.

Davis is also survived by his son Zachary, 12, and Richard Michael Davis, 30, from another marriage.

"I love my dad very much. He was always there for me and always encouraged me," Zachary Davis said in the eulogy.

Activists can link minority groups

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Many Asian Americans and blacks are not aware they have interacted, supported each other and have had similar experiences in history, said an activist and friend of Malcolm X to more than 30 University students and community members on campus Wednesday evening.

Yuri Kochiyama stressed the importance for communication among communities of color in her address celebrating Asian-American Heritage Month and Malcolm X's birthday on May 19.

Kochiyama began a 40-year career as an activist when her family moved to Harlem, N.Y. There, she became active in the civil rights movement and later the Black Liberation Movement, as well as continuing her activism in various venues including the Japanese-American Redress Movement, the Worldwide Nuclear Disarmament Movement and the International Political Prisoner Rights Movement.

She met Malcolm X in 1963 in the foyer of a courthouse where arrested activists were being tried.

"I blurted, 'Can I shake your hand?'" she said.

"He said, 'Why?'"

"For what you're doing."

"What am I doing?"

"You're helping your people."

"How am I helping my people?"

"You're giving them direction,"

I said."

"After that, Malcolm just beamed and came out and shook my hand," Kochiyama said.

Few people realize how much cooperation there has been



KOCHIYAMA

throughout history between Asian and Black leaders, she said, giving examples including W. E. B. Dubois' visits to Japan and China and Malcolm X's meeting with atomic bomb survivors.

"Since the 1800s, Black leaders have consistently and courageously challenged American policies (unfair to Asians)," she said. "Asians should never forget this."

It is important that Asian and African Americans continue to communicate and cooperate in the fight against racism, Kochiyama said.

"We need to become neighbors, friends, comrades, in the fight against racism and inequity," she said.

Today apathy is prevalent, and students have an important role to play in fighting it, she said.

"Your role is critical," she said. "You must be against all the negatives in society. You have a role to play. Play it right."

Although many students don't have time to be working within a movement, if your heart is in the right place you will be doing good in the community, she said.

"It doesn't matter what field you are in if you become political and you love people," she said. "Even if you're not active in a movement, you will be a positive person in your community and help raise consciousness."

Family plot may be exhumed

BALTIMORE (AP) — Relatives of John Wilkes Booth asked a judge Wednesday to allow experts to open his grave to determine if a stranger lies there instead.

"I don't believe he's in the grave. I never have," Lisa Booth said.

Most accounts say soldiers tracked Booth to a Virginia farm 12 days after he shot President Lincoln in 1865, then shot him in the neck as he tried to escape a burning barn.

But rumors abounded that the actor-turned-assassin escaped and that the body in the family plot wasn't his. A man using the name David E. George, who committed suicide in 1903 in Oklahoma Territory, claimed to be Booth.

Twenty-two of Booth's descendants petitioned to exhume the remains after several historians expressed doubt that Booth's body lay in Greenmount Cemetery.

Three of the relatives were in court Wednesday.

"I feel very strongly that my daughter and I should know who is buried in that plot," said Lois Rathbun of Hopkinton, R.I.,

Booth's great-great grandniece.

"I want to get it settled and squared away for our family history and history in general," said Virginia Kline of Warminster, Pa., a first cousin twice removed.

The hearing was to continue Thursday.

Lawyers for the cemetery argued that the body should not be exhumed because it would disturb the remains of at least three infants buried in shallower graves.

"The family's case is high on publicity and low on legal principles," Francis G. Gorman, a second cemetery lawyer, told Circuit Court Judge Joseph H. Kaplan. "It's low on dignity for those laid to rest."

The 20-by-32-foot Booth family plot contains 13 graves, said William C. Trimble Jr., a cemetery lawyer. The precise location of Booth's grave within the plot has been kept secret to deter grave robbers.

Gorman said the relatives fighting for exhumation are not immediate kin and "too remote" to make such a request.

There is no question that most of the claimants are related to

Booth, although Lisa Booth Booth, of Lynchburg, Va., acknowledges there are doubts about her claim to be Booth's great-great granddaughter.

Gorman also questioned the worth of opening the grave.

"An exhumation is unlikely to be scientific or conclusive," he said. "But even an inconclusive finding would bring exploitation and gain."

Douglas Ubelaker, curator of physical anthropology at the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of Natural History, would be one of several forensic experts to exhume the body if the petition is approved.

He said ground penetrating radar would likely be used to locate the remains.

The area would be excavated "slowly and carefully, like a crime scene," he said. The remains would be taken to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington.

Although any identification would hinge on the condition of the remains, Booth's prominent lower jaw could play a key role in helping scientists determine if the body is Booth's, Ubelaker said.

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